

## **Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of November 21, 2005**

**City Offices Closed Thursday and Friday.** City of Takoma Park offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is always open--enter from the front parking lot at 7500 Maple Avenue. (*Community and Government Liaison*)

**Community Center Opening Celebration.** A celebration of the completion of Phase I of the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at 2 pm. Come and help us celebrate this terrific new facility! Although Phase II construction is already underway--making getting around the building a little confusing--many rooms in the Community Center are open now and beautiful artwork decorates the atrium and hallways. Thank you, Takoma Park artists! (*Community and Government Liaison*)

**8425 and 8435 Piney Branch Road (Ward 5).** A pre-proposal meeting was held at 8435 Piney Branch Road on Friday, November 18. As a result of the discussion with those attending the meeting, the deadline for accepting proposals was extended to allow for adequate time to respond to the RFP issued by the City on November 9. Proposals will now be accepted until Tuesday, January 17, 2006. The deadline for bids for the neighboring residential property (8425 Piney Branch Road) was similarly extended. A copy of the RFP can be viewed on the City's web site at [www.cityoftakomapark.org](http://www.cityoftakomapark.org). Questions regarding the RFP should be directed to Sara Anne Daines at 301.891.7224 or by email at [SaraD@takomagov.org](mailto:SaraD@takomagov.org) (*Housing and Community Development*)

**Leaf Collection (All wards).** The Public Works Department began leaf collection operations on November 7. Collection will run through December 23. As of Wednesday, November 23, we have almost completed two rounds of collection (exceptions - posted streets received one collection and approximately five streets received only one collection to date). Crews will be working on Saturday, November 26 to complete the second round and begin the third round. (*Public Works*)